

Senate Bill No. 95

CHAPTER 521

An act to add Section 8774 to the Education Code, relating to school instruction.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 95, Maldonado. Residential outdoor science program.

Existing law authorizes the governing board of any school district or a county superintendent of schools to conduct outdoor science education and conservation education programs or classes.

This bill would establish eligibility criteria for a residential outdoor science program and would require the Superintendent of Public Instruction to apportion, subject to appropriation of funds for that purpose, to each school district or county office of education that operates a residential outdoor science program, an amount of \$10 per eligible participating pupil per day of participation up to a maximum of 5 days.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 8774 is added to the Education Code, to read:

8774. (a) A residential outdoor science program shall be eligible for funding pursuant to this section if it meets both of the following conditions:

(1) It is operated by a school district or county office of education pursuant to this article.

(2) It meets the standards of the Residential Outdoor Science School (ROSS) Guide and maintains current State Department of Education ROSS certification.

(b) An eligible residential outdoor science program may claim apportionment for any pupil who meets all of the following conditions:

(1) The pupil is enrolled in a California public school.

(2) The pupil is enrolled in grade 5 or 6.

(3) The applicant has not previously received funding for the pupil pursuant to this section.

(4) The pupil participates in a minimum four day and three night program.

(5) The pupil is economically disadvantaged and meets the criteria of Section 49552.

(c) The Superintendent shall, subject to appropriation of funds for this purpose, apportion to each school district or county office of education that operates a residential outdoor science program pursuant to this article an

amount equal to ten dollars (\$10) per eligible participating pupil, multiplied by the total number of days of participation, up to a maximum of five days.